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Military Information from Eberswalde

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1. Vehicles seen driving along the road from Eberswalde (M 53/V 08) toward Finowfurth on 4 September 1951, included rocket launchers

and six trucks

Each of the trucks was occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and one of them towed a field kitchen. Eight trucks left the Messingwerk at Finow toward Eberswalde on 14 September. The trucks belonged to a telephone construction unit and were occupied by 56 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. *

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2. Buses from the Ardelt plant, the Artillerie Kaserne and the Schuetzen Kaserne in Eberswalde were entrained at the Eberswalde railroad station on 17 September. The first train departed northward at about 2 p.m., carrying 47 trucks, 12 jeeps, 8 sedans, 5 buses, 8 motorcycles, 5 tank trucks, 3 armored reconnaissance cars and 5 field kitchens.

The second train departed northward at 5:45 p.m. carrying 20 trucks, 3 buses, 7 motorcycles, 4 sedans and 1 jeep.

The loading of the third train was completed at 7:30 p.m., but the departure of the train was not observed. It carried 27 trucks and 3 passenger cars.

The main building of the Ardelt plant was about 90 percent vacated. The buildings on Bold Strasse and Kunferhammerweg were completely vacant. **

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Troop trains [redacted] of the 6th Subdistrict Office of the Berlin railroad district [redacted] dispatched from Eberswalde to Oranienbaum on 17 September included: a train of 10 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 40 flatcars, [redacted], which went via Leipzig; a train of 12 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 50 flatcars, [redacted], which went via Leipzig; and a train of 11 converted boxcars, 2 boxcars and 40 flatcars, [redacted], which went via [redacted].

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[redacted] Comment. The convoy observed on 4 September 1951 [redacted] probably belonged to a component of the 312th Gds RL Regt of the Fourth Gds Recz Army [redacted].

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[redacted] Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] the three trains carried primarily headquarters units of the Fourth Gds Recz Army, but individual vehicles of the 25th Tank Div and the 10th Gds Tank Div were also involved in the loading operation. Since the report indicates that most of the elements of the Hq Fourth Gds Recz Army from the Ardelt plant were also entrained, it is believed that a field exercise conducted by this army was scheduled to be held in the Dessau-Wittenberg area. This hypothesis is supported by information stating that a component of the 7th Gds Recz Div was loaded in Lieberose on 14 September and that another component of the division was detrained in Dessau on 16 September 1951. [redacted] However, it cannot be determined whether these movements constituted an assembly preparatory to the fall maneuvers.

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